

Information Services Board Briefing on the University of Washington Academic Medical Centers (UWAMC) Online Record of Clinical Activity (ORCA) Project

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Purpose of Appearance

To brief the ISB on the ORCA project and provide the opportunity for the ISB to ask questions of the UWAMC.

Previous ISB Appearance

None.

ISB Staff Recommendations

UWAMC should explain of why DIS was not informed of the change in project scope in early 2002.

UWAMC should implement appropriate levels of review and internal approval for ORCA plans going forward before returning to the ISB for any authorization.

UWAMC should establish budget guidelines for each project milestone to avoid over spending and to have better manage the remaining budget.

Background

In May 2001 the UWAMC submitted an investment plan to the Department of Information Services for authorization to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an application estimated to cost \$10.3 million to implement an electronic medical records system to allow direct entry of practitioner orders, results review, practitioner documentation, integrated decision support, and health information management. The successful vendor was Cerner Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri.

During contract negotiations UWAMC effectively changed the scope of the project by deciding to request modifications to the Cerner product and acquire additional modules, thus changing functionality and risk. When the proposal went to the UW Board of Regents in March 2002 the budget estimate for the total project was \$39,062,958. UWAMC did not report the project changes to DIS. More information is available in the Project Oversight Report at Section 9 of this ISB book.